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SUBJECT: US-USSR AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT: TEXT VANDER MYDE/
CHEREPANOV LETTER (09.0104)

1. REQUEST AGATT PASS TEXT OF LETTER TO KOVALEV FOR CHERE-
PANOV BEFORE FEBRUARY 1.

2. DEAR MR. CHERAPANOV: AT THE OCTOBER 1975 WORKING GROUP
MEETING ON RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT, WE DIS-
CUSSED THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED SOVIET DELEGA-
TION ON THE MAINTENANCE OF TRACTORS AND FARM MACHINERY AND
METHODS OF DIAGNOSTICS.

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3. MR. EDMINSTER EXPLAINED THAT USDA WAS NOT ABLE TO AGREE TO RECEIVE THIS DELEGATION WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF US INDUSTRY, SINCE USDA IS NOT ACTIVE IN THIS PARTICULAR PHASE OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING.

4. FOR THIS REASON, A PROVISION WAS MADE IN THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE THAT THE US SIDE WOULD INFORM THE SOVIET SIDE WITHIN THREE MONTHS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT OUR INDUSTRY WOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THE DELEGATION. USDA ENCOURAGES COOPERATION BETWEEN US INDUSTRY AND CORRESPONDING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE USSR. WE BELIEVE THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THIS DIRECTION. HOWEVER, CERTAIN PROJECTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF MECHANIZATION, INVOLVE MATTERS WHICH ARE PROPRIETARY IN NATURE.

5. WE HAVE HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. EMMETT BARKER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE FARM MACHINERY EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE, ABOUT THE WORKING GROUP SESSIONS IN MOSCOW AND IN PARTICULAR ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY. MR. BARKER HAS SINCE CONSULTED WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY INDUSTRY. THESE REPRESENTATIVES WERE OF THE OPINION THAT THIS TOPIC WAS OF A PROPRIETARY NATURE. THEREFORE, THE GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE INDUSTRY WAS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO RECEIVE THIS DELEGATION. AS YOU RECALL, MR. EDMINSTER EMPHASIZED THIS POSSIBILITY AT THE OCTOBER MEETINGS. FOR THIS REASON WE MADE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS DELEGATION CONDITIONAL, UNTIL THE INDUSTRY DECISION WAS MADE.

6. WE ARE BEGINNING TO THINK ABOUT MATTERS THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE UPCOMING CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN MAY OR JUNE. OUR PROPOSED DATES FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE SENT TO YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SINCERELY, PAUL A. VANDER MYDE.
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